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Virgil Dam to be repaired this week

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The Virgil Dam could be repaired by the end of the week, preserving aquatic life and preventing another situation of strong odours from decaying fish caused by a dried-up creek.

Friday, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority was warning there could be a second incident of low water levels in the Four Mile Creek reservoir while the dam was being repaired.

But by Monday, spokesperson Kevin Vallier said a team of engineers and biologists, who studied the problem over the weekend, felt they had come up with a solution to prevent that and were beginning repairs that would hopefully keep water flowing through the reservoir, he said.

"If all goes well, it should be finished by the end of the week," he said.

Two weeks ago, the Four Mile Creek reservoir dried up, killing fish and revealing a creek bed of trash, with residents in the neighborhood complaining about the pungent smell of decaying fish.

There were two problems that created the situation, said Brett Ruck, the irrigation and drainage superintendent with the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

A lock was damaged, most likely by an act of vandalism, said Ruck, and has been fixed.

But a sluice gate that appears to have broken off because of its age and condition - it was installed in 1968 - was the cause of the drainage, and was proving to be more difficult to fix, he said.

Although initially information was released that an error on the part of town staff caused the water levels to drop, Ruck said he doesn't believe that to be the case.

The dam, just off Four Mile Creek Rd. outside Virgil, has been monitored daily since, with a back-up plan that would have mitigated damage to wildlife should a second breach occur, he said.

"Everyone's working together to get this fixed," said Ruck.

"The co-operation has been outstanding."

Brett Ruck, the drainage and irrigation supervisor for the Town of NOTL, cleans up the dead fish that were killed when Four Mile Creek reservoir in Virgil dried up. The Town hired a company to help with the cleanup. Work has begun to repair the damaged sluice gate that caused the drainage problem about two weeks ago. Photo submitted

The Town monitors the reservoir, and uses the water for irrigation. Once the dam was repaired temporarily and water levels restored, it could access the water for irrigation, but not at full capacity, said Ruck.

As soon as the Town and the NPCA were aware of the dead fish after the original incident, staff moved quickly to remove them to a landfill site, said Ruck.

Vallier said if the repair work goes ahead as planned, it will be beneficial to the creek wildlife, but because the water levels won't drop, it will be difficult to clean the trash from the creek bed.

Once the repairs are completed, town and NPCA staff will be meeting to discuss how and why the drainage happened, and to talk about areas of responsibility going forward to minimize the likelihood of it happening again.

Any residents who find garbage washed up on the side of the creek should call the NPCA at 905-788-3135 Ext. 24, he said.

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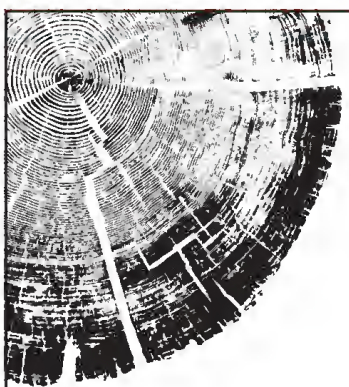

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Falls city councillor wants to represent NDP

Ray Spiteri
Postmedia Network

When she was initially eyeing the provincial Liberal candidacy in the 2014 Niagara Falls provincial byelection, Carolynn Ioannoni said she didn't have the "filter for party politics."

The longtime Liberal backed away from running for the MPP position now held by Wayne Gates of the New Democrats, claiming she was someone who shoots "from the hip" and because of that, would not be good at party politics.

Fast forward to 2015, and while Ioannoni said she is still someone who speaks her mind, the 16-year Niagara Falls city councillor believes she has found a new home with the federal New Democratic Party, representing the Niagara Falls riding that includes Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie.

Ioannoni said when the NDP approached her to run for the nomination for the Oct. 19 federal election, she told them the type of politician they would be getting.

"I told them, 'This is me. I call it as I see it. I'm not good at BS,'" said Ioannoni. "I told them, 'If I'm not happy, you will know it.'"

She said the NDP told her they didn't see those attributes as faults, but rather as "rewarding qualities."

NDP media director George Soule said a nomination date for the Niagara Falls riding has yet to be set, but that a candidate should be officially announced before the end of August.

"We've been moving pretty quickly," he said.

When asked if anyone else is running against Ioannoni for the nomination, Soule said: "I'm not aware of anyone else who has gone public."

Former Niagara Falls Liberal MPP Kim Craitor, who currently sits on Niagara Falls city council, said he was asked to seek the NDP nomination last week, but this week declined.

"I want to sincerely thank everyone who has reached out to me with their kind words over the past week," Craitor said in a statement.

"Though I am humbled to have been approached by the federal NDP to run as their candidate, as a recently elected councillor to the Niagara Falls city council, I feel at this time I must focus my efforts on that role and will not be seeking the nomination."

When asked why she's running for the NDP to challenge incumbent Conservative MP Rob Nicholson, Ioannoni said it's "no secret I've been really upset with the Liberals for the last few years."

Ioannoni said her frustrations started with the provincial Liberal government over recent scandals and health-care related decisions.

Federally, she disagreed with the Liberals supporting the Conservative government's controversial anti-terrorism bill, which Ioannoni said "stomps on so many privacy and human rights issues."

Ioannoni said the more she hears federal NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, the more she likes the direction he wants to take Canada.

"I really like his confident leadership, I like his platform. I really like the party's $15-a-day childcare (program proposal)."

Ioannoni said since she announced she will be running, she has been inundated with positive messages.

"My phone didn't stop ringing. I have three pages of people messaging me and calling me. And these are Conservatives, Liberals and New Democrats, many who have never messaged me before."

Ioannoni said being a veteran city councillor positions her well if she was to serve the riding in Ottawa.

"Being a city councillor, we deal with creating jobs in a mini way, while the federal government deals with it in a macro way," she said.

"This council has delved into federal and provincial politics several times."

In addition to Nicholson, the Liberals have chosen Ron Planche, the Greens have chosen Steven Soos and the Libertarians have chosen Paul Martin as their candidates.

Niagara Falls city councillor Carolynn Ioannoni hopes to represent the NDP in the upcoming federal election. She must win the nomination at a meeting to be held later this month, but so far, nobody else is running.
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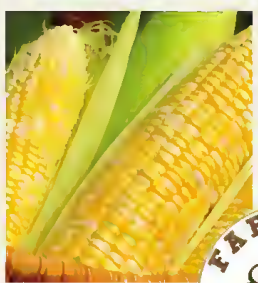

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Busker Ben Burland from Toronto performs his tricks to the crowd at the Peach Celebration on Queen St. Saturday, while Michelle Kay serves some hungry guests steamed corn, buttered by Lauren Skeoch beside her. Proceeds from the corn sales will go to Red Roof Retreat.

Photo by Fred Mercnik
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St. Davids and District Lions Club 52nd Annual Carnival 2015

Thank you to our corporate supporters including Garden City Growers, Scott Street Greenhouses, Dodd's Greenhouses and Niagara Trailers whose kindness and generosity played a big part in the carnival's success. Thank you to Rob Townsend and his crew from Townsend's Amusements for providing great rides and fun games. Thank you to the several local businesses that sponsored the great musical entertainment we all so enjoyed. These included Twin Power2 Financial, St. David's Veterinary Hospital, Avondale Foods, Niagara Natural Fruit, Coldwell Banker Realty, Niagara on the Lake Realty, J.D. Auto Detailing, Woodbourne Inn, Great Lakes Contractors, Creek Road Paints, Andrews Trucking Lines, Oast Brewery, Great Lakes Brewery, Ravine Winery, Joseph's Winery, Niagara College Winery and Brewery, CDC Entertainment, Long and McQuade Music.

Thank you to all Lion members, Leo members, Lioness members, their family and friends for their hard work, their heartfelt dedication to an event so important in ensuring vital funding is raised towards the many projects Lion's support annually. All such funds raised make their way back to your community.

We would especially like to thank the wonderful community that comes out year after year to support and enjoy our carnival. Your support means everything to us without which we could not succeed.

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Point of View

Lengthy campaign promises to be fun

Election campaigns are always a boon for journalists and political prognosticators and thanks to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, we'll have a lot longer to enjoy the roller-coaster ride.

At almost three months this will be among the longest election campaigns in Canadian history.

That means there is ample time for fiery debates, scandals to emerge, insert-foot-in-mouth disease, ebbs and flows, polls of many colours, shapes and sizes -- all of those wonderful things.

For example, recently in Alberta, Premier Rachel Notley's groundbreaking win in that province for the NDP took a mere six weeks to accomplish.

As such, this campaign is almost twice as long and will take us into the days of changing leaf colours, roasted turkeys and carved pumpkins.

Harper has come under fire from many for costing the taxpayer extra bucks on a long campaign because of an earlier-than-mandated election.

A strategic move, Harper and his brain trust must believe the time to strike is now and a lot of that thinking probably comes from watching the struggles of the so-dubbed "next one," Grit boss Justin Trudeau, who hasn't exactly had a great PR run of late.

The irony is the narrative has taken a major left turn, literally.

The Conservatives bave invested a lot of time and money in bash ads focusing on Trudeau -- you know, the carefully chosen demographic hiring board that belittles his inexperience, economic ability and foreign policy, while complimenting his hair.

But NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has become a game changer.

Last week, new polls suggested his New Democrats had upped its lead to double digits, leaving Harper and Trudeau to scratch heads.

Mulcair, obviously buoyed by success such as Notley's, and a willingness of Canadians for political change, has now become the target of new ads in the same genre.

These ones question his Liberal past and his financial activity.

Political strategies are carefully mapped and executed. Like them or not, attack ads do have a history of some success, and the Conservatives are hoping for that.

They will also be happy if they can turn their left-leaning opponents on one another, like two dogs with one bone, and sit back end enjoy the spoils.

It should be fun, and we'll have a long time to enjoy it.

-Postmedia Network

Young virtuosos hone their craft

Penny Coles/Niagara Advance

These young musicians are all part of Music Niagara's Performance Academy, now in its second year. Founded by artistic director Atis Bankas, the academy provides the opportunity for gifted virtuoso students to explore the world of performance, to complement their music. Under the directorship of Barbara Worthy, the faculty is current and past members of the Shaw Festival ensemble, offering instruction and coaching in dance, envenomization, acting, speech, and stagecraft. Daily practices and master classes are offered, and the public is invited to Young Virtuoso concerts throughout the program. For more information: www.musicniagara.org

letters to the editor

Councillors asking questions save time and money

It's not every day that I find myself in total agreement with an Advance editorial, (Niagara Advance, July 30) but the commentary on the NOTL Council Code of Conduct brouhaha certainly seemed to hit the target.

Good heavens, councilors teasing a staffer by moving things on his/her desk? Terrible. Certainly requires a ruling by an integrity commissioner—a simple discussion could not have cleared up the matter. And what did this whole investigation cost (a) the taxpayer and (b) the two councilors who had to hire lawyers?

Of course there is that other misdemeanor: pressuring administrative staff for information—not going through the chain of command. Does any reader not know what happens when you ask for information via the chain of command? It's always better to go directly to the source to avoid misdirection and misunderstanding—and save time.

For my money it is the job of the elected representatives to ask questions, in order to make informed decisions in guiding the development of this town. And what kind of town policy prohibits disclosure of certain information to Council members?

We do not know the details of either allegation or its resolution. Typically, everything is confidential. It is interesting, however, to note that the councilors in question are the same ones who demanded that council take time to go over the budget when it is presented, rather than simply rubber-stamp it. Is it this kind of close investigation that is causing the trouble, and what does that say about the complainants?

Without oversight, bureaucracy, from civic to federal, all too often tends to run amok. Give me representatives who will provide that oversight—that's why I vote for them.

J. Tupman

Where is Town leadership?

In response to the article re: Commissioner rules on compaints against two councillors (Niagara Avance, July 30), Martin Mazza and Paolo Miele, this problem goes much deeper than a report by an integrity commissioner. What may appear on the surface to be bad behavior of two councillors is an indication there is a lack of leadership at the top and councillors who are more interested in self-indulgence and publicly taking down a couple of their peers.

Frustration is a large player in the action taken by the two councillors. I do not condone rude behaviour but do now wby it sometimes happens.

I constantly receive comments as to who is running the Town, ad the answer is always the CAO.

Where was the lord mayor's voice in this situation? A good leader knows how to avoid situations such as this one and the CAO is not the voice for the ratepayers but members of council are.

We elected the politicians to work for us. We are their boss and the CAO and staff are employed to offer their best advice and their expertise.

Council members should be able to question staff to support a sound and thorough decision on any subject that comes to the table.

To serve one's town or city is an honour. Respect for each other's viewpoint is valuable in reducing the need to hire a consultant to do what should have been the lord mayor and councillors' responsibility.

Years of experience for some councillors is of no value if not put to good use.

Why not work for the greater good instead of pointing fingers?

Nellie Keeler

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Opinion

Library hosting second annual Garden Party Monday

Cathy Simpson
@ the library

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Garden is officially open and flourishing thanks to sunshine, drip irrigation, excellent maintenance by our gardener John Vandenberg and generous donations from the community.

To keep the garden growing, we're hosting the second annual NOTL Public Library Garden Party on Monday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

Guests will enjoy garden-inspired food created by the talented chefs of Vintage Hotels and delicious wine pairings courtesy of Reif Estate Winery. Live music by the Mark Ucci Duo enhances the experience and each guest leaves with a memento of the evening courtesy of Mori Gardens.

All proceeds from this event go to the maintenance and upkeep of the garden and tickets are now on sale at the library and Reif Estate Winery. We look forward to seeing you there.

The library has been very fortunate to receive funding for an interior renovation from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. This program is providing $150 million over two years to support projects across the country that renovate and expand existing community infrastructure and is part of the federal government's activities to honour Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017.

Our project includes accessibility upgrades throughout the interior of the library, the creation of new spaces such as a multi-purpose room, quiet study area, and children's puppet theatre, as well as electrical and technology upgrades. These building improvements will allow the library to meet the information and literacy needs of more community members now and in the future.

We would like to thank the Federal Development Agency of Southern Ontario for awarding us this funding and thank town council for endorsing this project. The federal contribution will cover approximately one-third of the project cost, the Town's capital reserve will fund another third and the library will fund raise to cover the remaining costs. If you would like to support this project please contact our outreach co-ordinator, Beth Labelle, to find out how you can help.

Veteran CBC journalist Peter Kavanagh kicks off the next Wine & Words season on Sept. 2 at Southbrook Winery where he will read from and discuss The Man Who Learned to Walk Three Times.

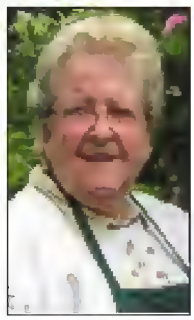
Peter's moving and inspirational memoir traces his struggles with the effects of polio contracted as an infant. It offers great insight into coping with the pain, guilt, shame, and anger of living with a physical challenge but is ultimately a story of healing, rehabilitation and hard earned lessons. Tickets for Peter Kavanagh's reading and the rest of the Wine & Words author series are now on sale at the Library.

As part of our ongoing efforts to serve you better, we're conducting a library opening hours survey and want to hear from you. Are the current hours meeting your needs? Please tell us how you use the library and what changes in hours would be beneficial. Fill out a survey on our web site or a paper survey in the library. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more details about any Library programs or services, please contact us at 905-468-2023 or visit us at 10 Anderson Lane or www.notlpubliclibrary.org.

Cathy Simpson, CEO of the NOTL Public Library, prepares for a garden party to support the community garden on the library grounds.

Summer going too quickly



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

It was rather uplifting last week to be told there are several different projects being undertaken to eliminate phragmites, including one by Niagara College, which appears to understand how environmentally damaging this species can be and has been conducting tests for techniques to reduce or eliminate it from campus wetlands.

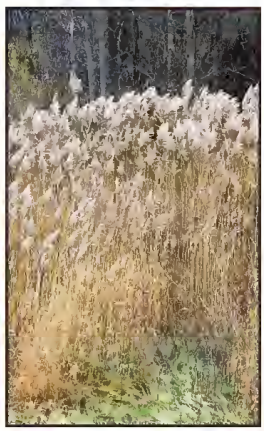
We will await progress and keep you posted.

Things are moving quickly now in the gardens - I always feel summer does not have far to go when we come to the Peach Festival, but it is all so wonderful - colourful and noisy and lots of good cheer.

We are really spoiled with such variety and quantity - apricots are my favourite.

Our gardens are looking settled and I am so glad we used a dark mulch as it shows off the incredible variety in colour and shape of foliage and it all lasts much longer than flowers. Ah yes, we enjoy it all.

Happy gardening.



This toxic reed is growing close to home, says gardener Jean Cochrane. Niagara College is trying to eliminate it from its campus wetlands.

Garden of the Week

The garden of Deborah and Michael Hugh on Colonel Butler Crescent is a stunning English cottage garden. All the favourites - daylilies, lavender, delphiniums, daisies and coneflowers - tumble together in an explosion of colour. The Hugh family moved here in 2013 and created the garden from scratch — leaving behind a shade garden in Toronto and converting to full sun. Deborah is currently restoring a historic garden on Johnson St. Garden of the Week, an initiative of Community in Blooms, acknowledges the vitality that creative gardeners contribute to our community. To nominate a garden call 905-468-4261, or email lkulchar@notl.org.

Greenbelt Route for cyclists includes Queenston

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Queenston has become one of the signed sites along the 475 kilometres of the new Greenbelt Route for cyclists.

Monday morning, a trailhead sign was unveiled in the parkette at York Rd. and the Niagara River Parkway, a site used as a staging area for cyclists.

The sign shows a map of the route, with suggested stops along existing trails, including wineries, museums, art galleries and breweries throughout Niagara. Since spring, 27 municipalities from Niagara to Northumberland have been posting signs to their sections of the route, and once complete, 1,050 signs will guide cyclists through almost two million acres of Ontario's protected Greenbelt area.

David Hunt, 68, a board member of the Niagara Freewheelers Bicycle Touring Club, was up early Monday morning to cycle from his Fonthill home to Queenston for the unveiling of the trailhead sign.

Cycling is getting a little more attention every year, he said, and as more people take up the sport, municipalities and government agencies are putting in infrastructure that makes cycling "safer and more amenable."

Increasing awareness of the benefits of cycling and promoting safe routes are important, he said.

"The more people take up cycling, the safer it will become for all of us, and the more economic spin-offs will increase. Cycling is great for so many reasons - it's fun, it's healthy, and as we cycle, we stop for lunch in local restaurants and spend a few dollars. And it's good for socializing - it's a great opportunity to meet new people."

Cycling could be considered the new golf, said Burkhard Mausberg, CEO of the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, which has spearheaded the new route. It's attracting a growing number of people, and is providing an economic boost to the province's tourism sector by bringing cyclists of all ages and abilities to Queenston and other communities across Ontario's Greenbelt.

Like the Waterfront Trail, the Greenbelt Route will encourage residents and visitors to experience the natural beauty of Niagara-on-the-Lake, said Lord Mayor Pat Darte, adding the town is looking at creating policies to promote healthy and safe initiatives, including cycling trails.

Wayne Gates, MPP for the riding of Niagara Falls and NOTL, called the Greenbelt Route "a perfect example of how we can create economic development and support our local businesses while also preserving our environment for future generations."

In 2010, he said, two million visitors spent $391 million cycling rough Ontario.

"That's a number that continues to grow. That's money that goes right back into the pocket of people who live here," said Gates.

The sign is on Niagara Parks Commission property, which has its own 53-kilometre recreation trail and has partnered with the Greater Niagara Circle Route, the Trans Canada Trail network, the Waterfront Trail and now, the Greenbelt Route, said parks commission chair Janice Thomson.

"It is my pleasure to be here as we celebrate the success and importance of Ontario's Greenbelt, through the unveiling of this trailhead sign, signifying Niagara and Niagara Park's inclusion in the new Greenbelt Route."

Penny Coles/Niagara Advance

Niagara Falls MPP Wayne Gates, Waterfront Regeneration Trust member Vicki Barron, Niagara Parks Commission chair Janice Thomson, Burkhard Mausberg, CEO of the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation and NOTL Lord Mayor Pat Darte celebrate the unveiling of the Greenbelt Route trailhead sign for cyclists in Queenston Monday.

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At the annual Kinsmen Car Show at the Kinsmen Scout Hall Sunday, Lord Mayor Pat Darte chose Skip Walker's 1914 Ford Model T Speedster as the Lord Mayor's Choice. Walker started restoration of the car 30 years ago, finding parts across Canada and the U.S. Parts he couldn't find, he made by hand.
Photo by Fred Mercnik/Special to the Advance

RED ROOF
WINE RUN

Pillitteri Estates Winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake Chiropractic & Niagara Fitness and Rehabilitation
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Date: October 17, 2015
Start Time: 11:00am
Start Location: Pillitteri Estates Winery

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Niagara Advance

They're so close, but just not ready yet to announce the location for the new Royal Oak Community School in the Old Town.

The founding committee has their site chosen and is excited to announce it, but the contract is not signed and they don't want to rush it.

But with back-to-school less than one month away, registration is officially open and the not-for-profit school is finalizing details for its first site to begin elementary classes this Sept. 9.

To register and for more information, families should visit royaloakcommunityschool.com, says Gianna Dritsacos, Royal Oak's academic director and a member of the founding committee.

Dritsacos will also be one of two teachers when the school opens.

The site will be announced in the next few days, as soon as final details of the agreement and paperwork can be completed, Dritsacos added.

"We think the community will be pleased with Royal Oak's central location, in the heart of our great town. We're working hard to prepare and look forward to welcoming our students and their families, as well as volunteers and supporters of our community school," she said.

Royal Oak will be holding an information session and meet-and-greet for families interested in learning more about the school, or who are already registered, on Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m, in the Market Room at the Court House.

Dritsacos said she and other founding committee members have been pleased with the widespread positive response to Royal Oak from the community, and they want to make sure questions are answered.

The founding committee is developing a comprehensive information package that will be available in print and online, she said.

Facts about Royal Oak Community School, from the founding committee:

* Royal Oak Community School is a not-for-profit independent school offering a world-class, well-rounded education.

* Royal Oak's curriculum is being offered for elementary grades this fall, with plans to expand later to secondary. The school will include Junior Kindergarten through Grade 2 in the 2015/2016 year.

* The committee expects 20 to 25 students this year — with 10 already registered (as of Aug. 10). Registration and more information are available at royaloakcommunityschool.com.

* Royal Oak, while not-for-profit, is fee-based. The school is committed to accepting students and families of all means and needs. Bursary applications are now available online at royaloakcommunityschool.com.

* The curriculum and learning at Royal Oak are focused on project-based creative learning, fostered through a meaningful connection to individuals and the community. Volunteers are welcome – please email royaloakcommunityschool@gmail.com to get involved.

* School will begin Sept. 9 at Royal Oak's Old Town location – details for location are being solidified and will be announced in the coming days.

For more information and to register, visit royaloakcommunityschool.com.

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Gianna Dritsacos will be one of the teachers and her son Ilias a Senior Kindergarten student when the new Royal Oak Community School opens in September. Dritsacos hopes the school will one day be able to use the Parliament Oak building, but isn't expecting it to happen by September.

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Journey of flavours pairs food and wine

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A journey of flavours took place in Niagara-on-the-Lake Sunday.

Two Sisters Winery invited people to wine and dine with them at a gourmet extravaganza.

The event, a first for the winery, which opened its doors last November, sold 260 tickets prior to the event and more people were expected to purchase tickets at the door.

People were given a Two Sisters Winery cup and a Journey of Flavours passport to be shown at the five tasting stations.

People walked to the stations, took a plate with food and got their glasses filled with the perfectly paired wine.

Food and wine choices included a 2012 Vidal Icewine paired with Vidal Sorbeto and Estate-Grown Peaches, a 2011 Eleventh Post with Braised Rabbit with Polenta and Summer Beans and a 2013 Sauvignon Blanc with Acini de Pepe with Saffron, Grilled Zucchini, Sautéed Shrimp and Extra Virgin Olive Oil.

Claude Bohemier and MJ Masse enjoyed their food and wine in the vineyard.

It was the first time at the winery for Bohemier, while Masse had been to a wine tasting before.

Both agreed the food choices were different and flavourful. Masse added the plating was "phenomenal."

Kathy Thompson, who had been to the winery a couple of times before, said she knew the event would be spectacular.

The Riesling and the freshly made mozzarella were "to die for," she said and added the event made her feel like she was in a different world.

"It's just beautiful."

Angela and Melissa Marotta, the sister combination behind the operation, said this event was just the beginning what they plan for the winery.

"Every year we are going to have something in the summer — were it will be ticketed like today — but throughout the year we will have wine club events for our members," said Melissa.

Angela added a Harvest Party is also planned for this year.

The winery, which prides itself with being involved in every step of the planning process, worked closely with local businesses to make the event a success.

Two Sisters Winery is an experience for all senses, said Melissa, which is what makes them stand out from other wineries in the region.

It's about the whole experience: food, wine and everything beautiful to the eye," Angela added.

Melissa and Angela Marotta, owners of Two Sisters Winery, hosted an event there that paired food with wine Sunday.
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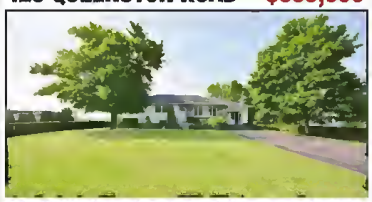
89 WILLIAM STREET $799,000

A rare find in the Old Town. Spectacular ravine lot overlooking One Mile Creek. This raised bungalow offers an easy contemporary style with neutral decor throughout. The floor to ceiling windows along the back of the home bring the garden setting into your living space. Four skylights stream even more natural light into your home. move in ready, a must see! **MLS New. Marilyn Francis.**

137 FOUR MILE CREEK ROAD $599,900

A one of a kind home in much desired St Davids, excellent access to Niagara-on-the-lake, Niagara Falls, 3 golf courses. Fondly known as the grist mill, of 1782, it offers a delightful mix of modern renovations. **MLS# N30045774. Cheryl Carmichael, Randy Armstrong.**

425 QUEENSTON ROAD $895,000



Potential Development Opportunity! Value is mostly in the 3.8 Acres although this three bedroom bungalow with in ground pool is very attractive and comfortable and showcases lovely country views. Visit our web site to see the virtual tour. **MLS# N30035832. Chris Bowron and Audrey Wright.**

359 WILLIAM STREET $849,000

An outstanding and meticulously maintained custom built home in a mature area of the old town. Open concept design main floor with great room illuminated by huge windows, a high end kitchen, and formal living area and den. The four spacious upper bedrooms and beautifully finished lower level providing a family room and two guest bedrooms contribute to a versatile floor plan. **MLS N30043764 Thomas Elltoft and Viviane Elltoft.**

75 NIAGARA STREET 449,000

Updated home with over 2600 square feet of finished living space offering a versatile floor plan and backing onto park & tennis courts. Situated on a deep lot on the outskirts of old town NOTL overlooking vineyards and orchards. **MLS# N30036048. Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.**

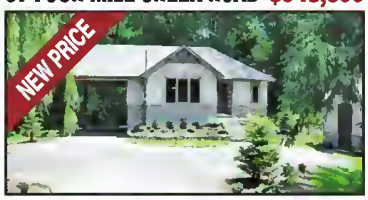
31 PRIDEAUX STREET $898,000

A charming and desirable heritage residence which retains the wonderful patina & original features including a stone mantel fireplace, plank floors & large windows. This character home is set on a large lot in a prime old town location amongst other prestigious homes. Set back from the road on a deep lot with beautiful gardens, long drive and carriage house. **Kim Elltoft and Thomas Elltoft.**

7 COLONEL BUTLER CRESCENT $449,900

A bright, freshly decorated 4 bedroom home with spacious principal rooms, main floor family room with gas fireplace, eat in kitchen and lower level recreation area in a tranquil Garrison Village setting. A bonus is the beautiful fenced yard with in ground pool complete with hard cover and solar blanket. **MLS New. Viviane Elltoft and Thomas Elltoft.**

67 FOUR MILE CREEK ROAD $549,000



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269 BUTLER STREET $995,000

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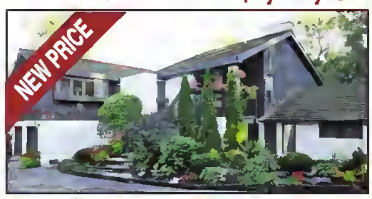

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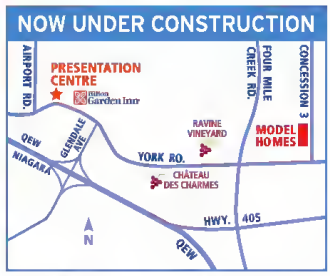

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Local teen preparing to kayak across Lake Ontario

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Scott Robinson has already accomplished one of his goals.

But the 18-year-old has another in front of him - by the end of the week he hopes to have kayaked across Lake Ontario.

It's been a dream of his since he was nine years old, and this summer, home from McMaster University, he plans to fulfill that dream.

He made the decision last fall, and began training out on the water in late April.

And somewhere along the way, he decided some good would come out of the 52-kilometre challenge he set himself - he also set a goal of raising $10,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

And then, in addition to preparing for his lake crossing, he began planning additional fundraisers, including a concert in Simcoe Park.

He's already surpassed the $10,000 mark - early this week, he said he was at $12,000 - but is still accepting donations online at Kayak for the Cure Niagara.

His first target date for his crossing was this Wednesday, Aug. 12, but weather forecasts moved that ahead to Sunday.

He plans to leave from Queen's Royal Park early in the morning, between 6 and 7 a.m., and head for Marilyn Bell Park in Toronto, the popular route for swimmers who cross the lake.

He hopes to get there by sunset, completing his journey in daylight.

The high waves often present outside Toronto might change that for him, could add as much as two hours to the trip, but he's prepared.

"I watch the lake for waves and when it's windy, when the waves are the highest, that's when I want to get out there to train," he says.

Although some days he just manages a couple of hours on the lake, he's used his days off for longer, 30 to 40-kilometre trips.

He'll have a support boat with him on his crossing, with some family members to cheer him on, and he can carry some food with him in his kayak, he said.

He will wear a life jacket - he always does - but he doesn't plan on falling in, so he won't have to deal with the cold temperature of the lake that challenges swimmers.

"If I do go in, I can get up quickly. I don't plan on being in the water for long."

He's also taken a white-water kayaking course, which he says was very helpful in teaching him rescue manoeuvres, and proper kayaking techniques.

So he's as ready as he can be, he says - he just has to hope now that the weather co-operates.

Local teen Scott Robinson plans to kayak across Lake Ontario Sunday, if the weather conditions are right. He is raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society.
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'Niagara legend' entertains at Prince of Wales

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Ed Pizzo spends his mornings at a coffee shop, leisurely reading his paper.

The senior still works, when asked, but when he does, it's usually in the evenings. He likes his peace and quiet in the mornings, although he's enough of a familiar face that there's always someone who recognizes him and wants to chat.

That's how he came to find his latest gig, playing the piano in the lounge of the Prince of Wales Hotel on Sundays.

He almost always starts off with a Sinatra tune, he says, then maybe a little Dean Martin, Perry Como, maybe throw in some Willie Nelson - until the requests begin, as they always do. Then he plays whatever he's asked to play.

He began playing professionally when he was 15 years old, and although he doesn't like to talk about his age, it's safe to say he's been entertaining people with his music for more than 60 years.

Age is a tricky thing, he says - if people hear how old he is, they'll think he only knows music of a certain era, and that's certainly not the case - he has an amazing memory, and can play just about anything.

"There aren't many songs I don't know."

Pizzo grew up in Thorold, and lives there still. He began taking piano lessons as a child, and as a teen, played in a band with polka king Walter Ostanek.

He later studied classical music, but eventually discovered lounge music was more his style.

In his younger years he was an accountant, working at the St. Lawrence Seaway, but at the age of 49, he was so busy playing piano evenings he gave up his day job, and made a good enough living to support his family.

He worked for years at the Blue Mermaid in St. Catharines, where he met many people from Niagara-on-the-Lake who became regulars, he said.

A local he ran into recently asked him why he'd never played in town, and suggested the lounge at the Prince of Wales.

"I went to the hotel, offered to play, and that was it - I'll be there Sundays."

He's also worked at some of the Niagara Falls hotels - even learned some Japanese music for the tourists who visited the casino and came to hear him play.

"A Japanese waiter brought me some Japanese music, and I started playing it - the crowd loved it."

He's played with prime ministers in the audience, U.S. presidents, provincial premiers and lieutenant governors - his reputation in the area means hotels call him when they have dignitaries staying, he says.

He's also played for hospital patients and seniors - he volunteers at senors homes in Niagara.

He's as much a "people person" as a pianist - and his style includes chatting with people while they enjoy their drinks as he's playing.

That's what he likes best about his job, and it's as much a part of what brings people back as his music.

He's at the Prince of Wales Hotel on Picton St. Sundays, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Ed Pizzo has had a distinguished career playing the piano in local hotels and restaurants. He is playing at the Prince of Wales Hotel in NOTL Sunday evenings.

Photo submitted

Family of former Virgil teacher asking for help

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

For many years, Barry Dodge taught health and physical education to the young people of Virgil for more than a decade.

Now his family is asking for help restoring his own health.

Dodge, now 69, retired from Virgil Public School in 2001, after a 35-year teaching career, most of it with the District School Board of Niagara.

After retirement, he travelled to Thailand and the Philippines with a friend of his who owns a store in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and takes a yearly buying trip to those countries, said his daughter Megan Dodge.

He returned for several visits to the Philippines, where he stayed with a woman he had met on his first trip, said his daughter.

"He loved to travel, and he always said he wanted to live in a warmer climate," said Megan.

"Eventually he decided to spend most of the year in the Philippines, and come home for the summers to see his family here. He did that for several years, until this summer," she said.

Last winter, his communications became erratic, and their tone changed. Megan began to worry something was wrong, and her fears were confirmed when the family of the woman he was living with called to say they too were worried.

She learned in February that he was in the hospital, and arranged as quickly as she could to visit him.

He had fallen down the stairs in November, and was unable to walk or care for himself, said Megan. He'd also lost a lot of weight.

"I was shocked when I saw him, devastated. His condition was horrible. He couldn't walk or feed himself. He could barely speak."

She stayed about a month, but had to return to work. She recently was able to talk to him on the phone - his voice is getting stronger, but he still seems confused and unable to remember where he is, she says.

A video of her father taken in the hospital in July also shows him confused about answering questions posed to him by a staff member, although he seems in good spirits, and an email sent by a doctor that accompanied the video said he has neither the mental or physical capacity to travel without medical personnel.

Barry Dodge, looking as he did when he taught at Virgil School. A recent video sent from the Philippines shows him thin, frail and confused.

Megan and Barry's sister and brother-in-law have sent thousands of dollars to the hospital for his medical care - $17,000 since she returned home in March - but what they really want is to bring him home, said Megan.

They've been told he needs a medical evaluation before he can fly, and will need to be accompanied by two nurses. Megan has contacted two organizations that fly people in medical emergencies, and has been given an estimate of about $30,000, she said.

"If he comes home, he'll get the care he needs. He'll recover a lot sooner. We just want him home," said Megan.

Her father travelled without medical insurance - he was fit and healthy when he left - and when he comes home, it'll be 90 days before he's entitled to provincial health insurance.

She has set up an online account to help raise the money.

Donations can be made at gofundme.com/nce45g.

Region would benefit by taking over airport

Allan Benner
Postmedia Network

Tony Quirk can't wait for the day when he can board a jet in Niagara-on-the-Lake and fly off on vacation.

And that day could be coming.

"Purely selfishly, I'm looking forward to when I can take a charter down south from St. Catharines. That would be great, as far as I'm concerned," said Quirk, who chairs Niagara Region's transportation strategy steering committee.

In the months to come, Niagara's transportation steering committee will consider shifting funding responsibility for the two airports - the other is in Pelham - to Niagara Region, from the seven municipalities that currently pay the bills.

That's part of a transportation master plan being developed.

Niagara Region was asked in June to take over funding for the Niagara District Airport — a plan the Niagara District Airport Commission hopes will lead to an $8-million expansion, allowing it to accommodate international flights.

That airport is currently supported with about $300,000 in annual funding from St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

A few weeks ago, Welland council also approved a motion to ask the Region to take over funding for the Rungeling Airport. It's supported currently with about $90,000 yearly from Welland, Port Colborne, Pelham and Wainfleet.

Quirk said the requests to shift funding responsibility arrived at regional council for consideration at about the same time, allowing the transportation committee to discuss both in tandem and as part of the transportation master plan.

He said a federal government plan to allow smaller airports to use Canadian Air Transport Security Authority screening services, as well as the Niagara District Airport Commission's business plan supporting the expansion, makes the idea of enhancing the NOTL facility "more enticing, for sure."

If it bappens, Quirk said, the Pelham airport could be expanded as well to accommodate some of the services currently offered at the NOTL airport.

In that case, he said, "it becomes a win-win."

A single governance model for the two airports could be considered as well. Richard Rybiak, Pelham councillor and chair of that airport commission, said he would support it.

"I think there's tremendous potential. We'd have two locations doing complementary things, and it gives us more opportunity than we'd have with one or the other," he said. "I think that if the Region uploads both, the governance structure will be whatever the Region defines it to be."

Rybiak said he hopes a new single airport commission would include local representation. He would also "insist that Dorothy Rungeling remain in the name" of the southern airport.

The airport was recently renamed in honour of the 103-year-old Pelham aviation pioneer.

Welland Mayor Frank Campion said he'd support the idea of a single governance for both airports.

"They could work in tandem, because there would be synergies between the two airports. What happens in NOTL could be supplemented or augmented by different activities here," he said.

The Niagara District Airport kicks in about $25 million annually in economic benefit to the region, and the Rungeling Airport brings about $8 million to the local economy.

But Rybiak said the economic benefit is likely substantially more.

"That's conservative," he said.

And enhancing air travel services at the airports would also boost the economic benefit they provide to the region. It makes sense from the perspective of fair play, too, he said.

Quirk said he hopes to "get past the parochialism and get into a real discussion about what makes the best sense for the Region as a whole."

He said it will take some time before any decisions are reached.

"I think there's some expectation that this is all going to happen overnight, and I don't think that's fair either. We have to seriously consider how we're going to do it and what makes the best sense," he said.

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Building from Bones

Tony Riccuito
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It's the first home of this kind to be built in the Niagara Region and it's being constructed on waterfront property in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

It is using Bone Structure technology, something that was inspired from a combination of LEGO and Meccano, where pieces are simply snapped together.

Open houses were held over four days last week to allow people to see the structure for themselves.

Instead of a traditional wood frame, it makes use of a lightweight, recycled steel frame. That allows a homeowner to take advantage of having more open space without intermediate beams or load-bearing walls.

"From a builder's point of view, there are a lot of advantages doing it this way," said Shawn Ryan, the owner of Konsept, who designs and builds custom homes, and is located at 131 Dieppe Rd., in St. Catharines.

"This is the way to go. If I don't have to build another house out of wood, I'm good with that, this is a fantastic way to go," said Ryan.

The cost of the home, and the identity of the owner, are being kept confidential.

The new home is under construction at 127 Front St, next to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club. They are holding an open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug.6-9. Registration is required. To register for the open house visit: www.BONEstructure.ca/en/events

"There are also many advantages for the homeowner. This is a super insulated home so it's fantastic all year round," said Ryan.

While the steel that is used costs more than than wood, this type of a home is quicker to build so there is a saving on labour costs and there is relatively no waste of material.

Ryan said the cost is roughly in the $250-sq. foot mark, but a great deal depends on what ends up going into the house. For example, the outside can have stone, wood, or siding which all have different costs.

The two-storey home that is going up in Niagara-on-the-Lake will bave an elevator and the bedrooms are on the first floor. The living room and dining room and a fireplace are all on the second floor because it offers the better view of Lake Ontario. There is also an external balcony.

"We basically flipped the floor plansupside down. You can sit in your dining room, enjoy a cup of coffee, and what a wonderful place to do it with such a beautiful view."

Ryan said the design for this home was almost complete when he read an article about this new Bone Structure technology. The owner of the property read the same article so they decided to find out more about the process. They were both sold on the new idea so they adjusted their plans.

"It's very efficient. Everything is sealed," said Ryan. "Everything is clipped in which makes it easy if it needs to be taken apart. We are also able to get some nice height with our ceiling. To do this the conventional way would be nearly impossible."

Bone Structure was founded in 2005 by Marc Bovet and Michelle Tremblay.

"This is a new technology and it's a significant different way of looking at housing," said Bovet.

He began his research and traveled the world trying to find a better way to build a house and yet be able to control costs. He hired people from the automotive and aerospace industry because he wanted people who were not involved in the house building industry.

"We were trying to come up with a better process," said Bovet.

"We now have patents in 42 countries and we are belping communities through its local builders to adopt a better way to assemble, not build, but assemble homes."

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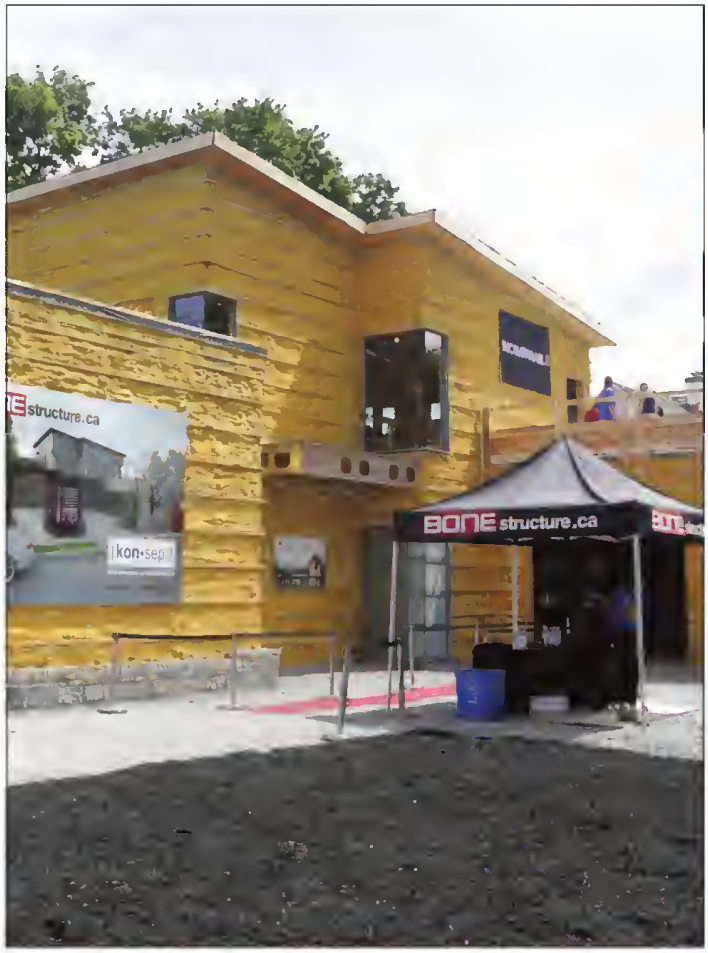

Using Bone Structure technology, it's the first home of this kind to be built in the Niagara Region and it's being constructed on waterfront property in Niagara-on-theLake, on Front St. beside the NOTL Golf Club. An open house was held last week to give the public a chance to view the structure.

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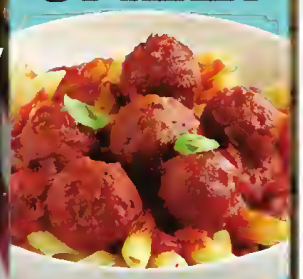

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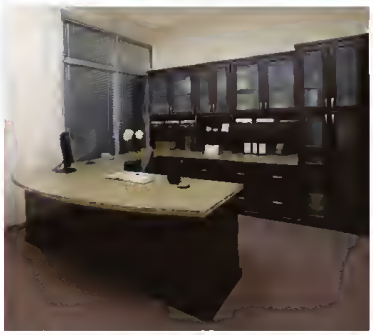

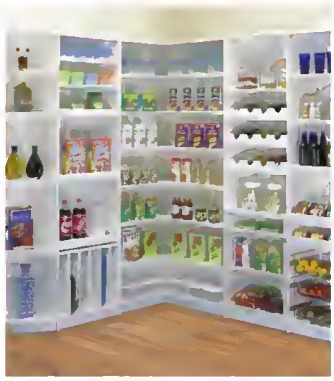

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Muster, Field Day at Fort George this weekend

Parks Canada and the Friends of Fort George will celebrate the 16th annual Fife and Drum Muster and Soldiers' Field Day this weekend.

Fort George will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. all weekend with special demonstrations happening throughout the day - music, muskets, cannons and more.

The schedule for Saturday, Aug. 15 includes music demonstrations by the Fife and Drum Corps of the 41st Regiment from Fort George, the Canadian Fencible Regiment from Fort York, the Village Volunteers, and The Drums Crown Forces 1812.

Infantry units from historic forts across Ontario will demonstrate early 19th century military tactics, including musket and cannon firing.

The Friends of Fort George will be offering a barbecue lunch inside the fort from 12 p.m to 2 p.m.

A special evening tattoo performance will take place on Saturday, Aug. 15, featuring musical demonstrations by HMCS STAR, and fife and drum corps from historic sites in Ontario and the U.S.

Infantry units from Fort George, Fort Malden, Fort York, Fort Erie, and the 10th Royal Veteran's Battalion will highlight military tactics from the War of 1812 as part of this special event

Tickets for the evening show will go on sale at 6 p.m. in the Visitor Centre, and the gates will open at 6:30 p.m., with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The show is general seating and lawn chairs and blankets are welcome.

There is a special package deal for those who would like to visit the fort during the day and attend the evening show as well.

The Gift Shop will be open from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and drinks and light snacks will be available.

On Sunday, Aug. 16 fife and drum demonstrations, as well as military tactical demonstrations will take place throughout the day at Fort George.

For more information, call 905-468-6614, email ont-niagara@pc.gc.ca or visit www.friendsoffortgeorge.ca or www.pc.gc.ca/fortgeorge

The 16th annual Fife and Drum Muster and Soldiers' Field Day will be held at Fort George this weekend.
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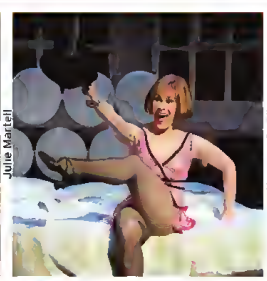

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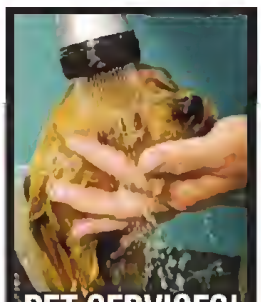
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MAGRI TILLI, Shara ('Mamma Shara') - Of Florence, Italy

"How do I love thee?
Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth
and breadth and height
My soul can reach."
(Elizabeth Barrett Browning)

Florence native and Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Mamma Shara, died peacefully from lung complications on Monday, August 10, 2015, at St. Catharine's General Hospital, 10 days before her 89th birthday. Beloved wife of Marcello Cattani of Florence, loving mother of Carlotta, Filippo and Simone. Cherished aunt of Cesare Ducci and 'Nonna Shara' to grandchildren Bianca, Gaia and Cosimo. Doting mother-in-law of Lolita Giannelli, Antonella Penco and Zuhair (Kash) Kashmeri. She was the inspiration behind La Toscana di Carlotta B&B and a driving force behind Il Gelato di Carlotta. A private family cremation has taken place. Her ashes will be buried at the historic English Cemetery in downtown Florence, close by to the tomb of poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning. As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Memories, photos and condolences can be shared at www.morganfuneral.com

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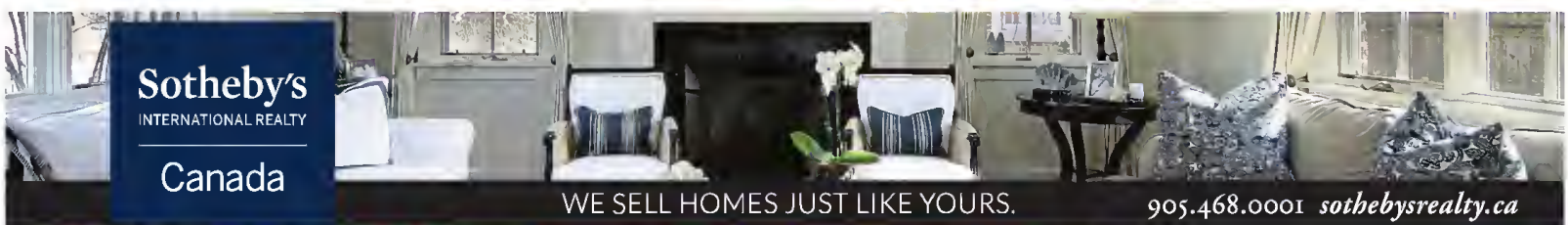

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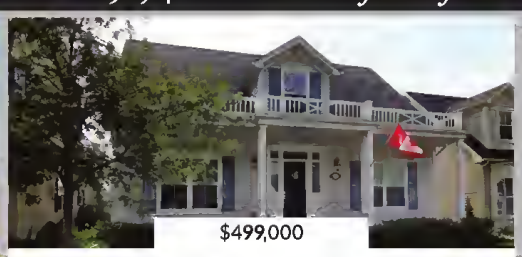

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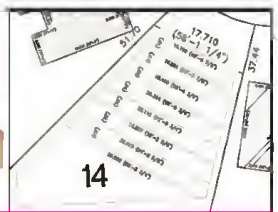

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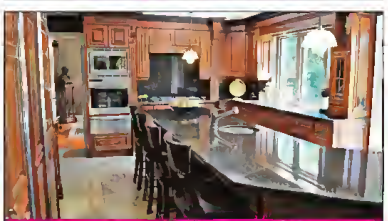

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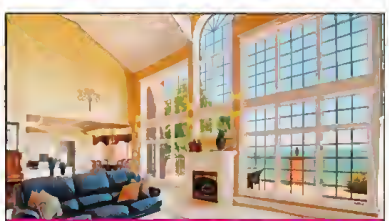

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